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In re application of :
Koji YANAI et al. :
Serial No. NEW : **Attn: Application Branch**
Filed November 23, 2001 : **Attorney Docket No. 2001-1611**

 β -FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE AND ITS :
GENE, METHOD OF ISOLATING :
 β -FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE GENE, :
SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING :
 β -FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE, AND :
 β -FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE VARIANT :
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application
of Serial No. 09/142,623,
Filed September 10, 1998)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, kindly amend the above-identified U.S. patent
application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

This application is a Divisional application of Serial No. 09/142,623, filed
September 10, 1998, now allowed, which is a 371 of PCT/JP97/00757, filed March 11, 1997,
which is pending.